

EMS REGIONALIZATION PHYSICIANS ADVISORY BOARD

~ REGION 8 ~

July 24th, 2008, 1:30 p.m.; Akron, Ohio

MINUTES

Board Members Present: Drs. Campensa, Gradisek, Mencl, Lutes, Kyriakedes, and Steer

Board Members Absent: Drs. Bartkowski, Baumgardner, Fallon, and Bulgrin

Guests Present: Dr. Eric Schwiger, Jon Zalewski, Colleen Bhalla, Dr. Gregory Smith, Anne Moss, Chief Dale Evans, Rita Chambers, Jim Willoughby, Kim Hamilton, Greg McCamish, Ray Pointer, Ellen Owens, Becca Bontadelli, Chris Kirkpatrick, Travis Nelson, Patrick Crane, and Ruby Long. .

CALL TO ORDER:

Meeting was called to order by Ross Campensa, M.D., FACEP, at 1335 and introductions were made.

REVIEW and APPROVE OLD MINUTES:

The April 24th, 2008 minutes were approved by voice vote after Dr. Mencl moved for approval and the motion was seconded by Dr. Gradisek.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT:

Dr. Campensa began his report by covering the recently held All-Chair RPAB Meeting at the State.

EMS Roundtable Meetings: Dr. Campensa reported that the most recent meeting in Canton had already occurred and there was another regional meeting coming up August 5th in Findlay. These meetings are on open forum for EMS issues and concerns and they are being held throughout the State.

Committee on Accreditation of Educational Programs for EMS Professionals:

Dr. Campensa reported to the group that Region VIII's concerns with the National Registry and Accreditation were presented at the All-Chair Meeting. Chief Evans also added that the issue was an ongoing concern and topic for the Fire Chief's Association.

Chempack: Dr. Campensa reported that the hospital version of the self-study program has been out for some time and the new provider program is now ready for release as well.

Geriatric Trauma Triage Rules: Dr. Campensa reported that the proposed changes to the State Trauma Triage Rules creating some specifics for Geriatric Trauma were discussed and approved for recommendation to the State EMS Board by the members of the All-Chair RPAB.

Change of Address: Dr. Campensa reminded the RPAB members that they are responsible for notifying the RPAB / the State Board of EMS if they have an address or e-mail change.

Loss of Medical Director: Dr. Campensa lead a discussion over RegionVIII's ongoing need to clarify the RPAB's roll in the event a local department in the region loses their Medical Director or the local Medical Director loses their license. At the All-Chair meeting it was discussed and decided that the only responsibility of the Regional RPAB would be to assist the local department in finding a new Medical Director.

Qualification needed to be an EMS Medical Director: There was discussion at the All-Chair meeting as to the required qualifications for a physician to be an EMS Medical Director. Dr. Campensa reported that it is ACEP's goal to move from the old standard of being Board Certified in Emergency Medicine or a related field to just an EMS Medical Director must be a physician who is Board Certified in Emergency Medicine.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:

Dr. Campensa noted again that there is an effort underway to revise the subcommittee assignments. He would like to keep the subcommittees that are still functioning and relevant, prune off the un-needed and / or obsolete subcommittees, and establish any new subcommittees that are needed to address current concerns.

Data Collection – Dr. Campensa

No report. Dr. Campensa is soliciting the other members for a new person to take over this committee. If you are interested, please e-mail Dr. Campensa at deross@raex.com.

Performance Improvement – Dr. Bartkowski

No report, also looking for new leadership on this subcommittee.

Medical Protocols – Dr. Campensa

Dr. Campensa asked that the Board re-review the Region VIII protocol and ensure that it is up to date. He asked that if you have any interest in helping with the review or in leading the review of any particular section, please contact him via e-mail. He requested that Children's Hospital lead the review of the Pediatric portion of the protocol.

EMS Training and Continuing Education – Dr. Lutes

Dr. Lutes will continue to forward any items she has to the State so they can post it on their website.

Medical Directors -

No report. Given the discussion and information from the All-Chair meeting concerning squads that lose their Medical Director, Dr. Campensa asked for and received an affirmative vote of the members on eliminating this committee.

Research and Experimental Procedures – Dr. Kyriakedes

No report.

Restocking – Dr. Campensa

Dr. Campensa handed out a draft list of approved items and pharmaceuticals for restocking. He asked that each of the RPAB members review the list and come to the October meeting prepared to review it, standardize and prune it.

Homeland Security - Unassigned

Dr. Campensa reaffirmed that he is calling for the formation of a new subcommittee to address natural disaster, terrorism, WMD, and pandemic type events and he is looking for one of the members to lead it. The goal is planning and integration with other allied professionals already undertaking such health crisis planning.

OLD BUSINESS:

CPAP: Dr. Campensa reported that he attended the ARHA Re-stocking Meeting and presented the recommendation of Region VIII to ask ARHA Hospitals to provide the Boussignac CPAP but Regions IX and VII asked ARHA to re-stock CPAP-OS. Ultimately, Dr. Campensa said the ARHA Committee will decide what to provide. Chief Evans and Rita Chambers voiced their concerns over the lack of EMS representation on the ARHA Re-stocking Committee and Dr. Campensa joined them in their concern.

NEW BUSINESS:

Dr. Smith from Summa Health System – Barberton Hospital is interested in obtaining a seat on the RPAB and a physician from Summa Health System – Cuyahoga Falls General is also reported to be interested. Dr. Campensa advised all interested parties to apply with the State Board of EMS via the website. A discussion followed concerning the attendance issues of some of the members of the current board and Dr. Campensa stated he would contact those members to gauge their interest in continuing to serve.

Dr. Campensa initiated a discussion concerning squads being diverted from AGMC to the new free-standing ER facility in Stow. Dr. Gradisek said as a matter of routine, no southern squads should be diverted that far north. It was further discussed and clarified that the facility is a free-standing full service ER, not a free-standing clinic. Therefore, EMS transporting there does not violate any of the current transport laws nor the intent or direction in the Region VIII protocol.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

Nothing was brought forward for the good of the order.

ADJOURNMENT:

After a motion made by Dr. Steer and Seconded by Dr. Gradisek, the meeting was adjourned at 1445 hours.

Next meeting information – *October 22nd, 2008 at 1330*

Respectfully Submitted,

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